

Today

The Swedish Bernadotte Hunts Trouble.
He Will Find It.
Whiskey Dies, Officially.
"Won't Hurt - Baby - Patriotic Cartridges," etc.

Whiskey died officially last night at 11 o'clock. If you make distilled spirits out of grain hereafter, until further notice, you are a criminal.

Good-bye to the old poison trade, and let us hope it really is good-bye. But whiskey has as many lives as a cat, and there are as many kinds of whiskey as kinds of cat—all unfit for human food.

The prison warden's wife has started a campaign to save a murderer from hanging. We have an idea that at the last moment executive power may join this lady's campaign and make a success of it. It is so unpleasant to choke a human being to death.

"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." This does not go very well with "Let us take that image, that likeness, and choke it to death, as it struggles and wiggles at the end of a rope."

A committee is appointed to find out WHY cartridges sent to American soldiers in France refuse to explode. The American soldier is a hero, but he cannot fight Germany with his teeth—and he OUGHT to have real ammunition—even though it may cost American patriots making ammunition extra money for real powder.

Embalmed beef was one unpleasant thing, armor plate imitating butter was another—but cartridges that don't explode are worse. It is so humiliating to point your gun at a German and have him burst out laughing as soon as he realizes that you are an American soldier with ammunition supplied by American ammunition patriots.

Who bought for our soldiers that ammunition warranted not to hurt a child?

Who inspected and passed it? Did any major general from Wall Street, perhaps, say that it was all right?

Sweden seems to be another country that needs to get rid of the king business. Helping Germany in the work of sinking ships, begging and getting supplies from the allies, and working with Germany, Sweden will be improved by a little dose of democracy applied in the right spot. The "kingsly majesty" that Napoleon manufactured out of the stock of a country lawyer seems about as treacherous to the public welfare as any old line of kings descended from butcher highwa men.

The revelation of Sweden's treachery to civilization will cause the allies to do some thinking. It might mean a new line-up in the world-war with Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Norway on the wrong side of the fence—Russians fighting each other in helpless anarchy, and all Eastern Europe arrayed against the civilization of the west. We may be in for a war longer than was dreamed of—let's go slowly with the billions and make them last.

Fortunately Russian anarchy and her government collapse will prevent her being of much use to Germany even if nominally conquered. Russian peasants used as slaves to feed the war would be useful. Russian peasants as revolutionists, singing, dancing, fighting, embracing, and discussing brotherhood in queer new "freedom" will not be useful to anybody except the future generations.

Representative Moore of Pennsylvania says, "I am not thoroughly satisfied that every dollar going out (lent to the allies) will come back." Innocent Mr. Moore, he thinks it just possible that some of the hundreds of millions sent out of the United States may stay out. We think it just absolutely CERTAIN.

However, what does it matter whether we shoot money at the Germans in the shape of bullets, for which our patriotic ammunition makers charge double, or lend money to Europeans to be spent in war honestly? It is OUR war, and we are going to pay for it.

China will send fighting men to Europe, and we repeat—it will be interesting to see HOW they fight.

We love Japan now, every bit as much as Japan loves us. We believe our relations will always be as smooth as the smooth Pacific. BUT if in the future any careless American should pick a quarrel with Japan, our best plan, remembering today's loans to allies, might be to say to China, "Here are money, ships, cannon, and dynamite, save us trouble, go thrash Japan, and you can have her."

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RUSSIANS REPEL GERMAN FLEET

"My Poor Girl Was Killed" Says Mrs. King's Mother



MRS. MAUDE A. KING.

SAYS DAUGHTERS WERE UNDER SPELL OF "BUD" MEANS

(Special Dispatch to The Sunday Times.)

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Sept. 9.—That Mrs. Maude A. King, the rich Chicago widow, was murdered in the conviction of Mrs. Anna L. Robinson, her aged mother, Mrs. Robinson, who is an invalid, made her first statement today since the death of her daughter.

"I know my poor girl was killed," she said. "I felt it from the beginning. From the first time I met Bud Means I took a dislike to him. I even cautioned poor Maude not to have anything to do with him, and I asked my two sons, Will and Paul, to warn her also."

Says He Influenced Both. "Not only Maude but my daughter May seemed to be completely under the influence of that man. When poor Maude told me about the finding of the second will I asked whether she had seen it and I never received an answer and it was the same when May or Bud Means referred to it."

"Several weeks ago I asked Maude: 'Why doesn't he show you that will? Where is it?' In reply Maude begged me not to speak to him about it as she was afraid of hurting his feelings."

Urges to Make Will. "It all remained a mystery. I am positive that there never was a second will. I do not know whether Maude left a will of her own. She often remarked that both Means and May had urged her to do so."

"I told her to do as she pleased, that I didn't need anything, as I had my own income."

"I don't know whether she stood in fear of Bud Means, but he never permitted her out of his sight and it's the same way with May."

"They both wanted me to leave here. Maude acted like a crazy woman, declaring that I had caused her to lose millions and had ruined Bud Means."

FURS AND SILKS WORTH \$25,000 LOOT OF BURGLARS

Raffled by the lack of a clue, the police today are combing Washington and contiguous Virginia and Maryland territory for the robbers who burglarized the fur store of Franke & Lustick, 1230 Fourteenth street northwest, and stole \$25,000 worth of furs and silks early this morning.

Alarmed by this addition to the long list of daring and mysterious robberies in Washington within the last month, the shrewdest minds of the detective department are leaving no stone unturned to locate the thieves and recover the goods.

Taken Personal Charge. Detective Inspector Grant has taken personal charge of the case. He has detailed Detectives Wise, Burlingame, and Sweeney to assist him. Detective Sandberg made impressions of finger prints on articles in the store which may greatly aid the police in tracking the burglars. Copies of the impressions will be rushed to nearby cities.

Fourteen fur coats, with an approximate value of \$100 each; one fur cape, two bundles of ermine, one bear-skin coat, and three bolts of silk worth \$75 make up the loot.

Entrance was gained by smashing the glass in the front door. The door lock was removed. The robbers had to drill small holes in the soft wood-work to accomplish this. When the robbery was discovered, the door was pulled tightly shut again.

Removal Baffles Police. B. S. Franke, joint proprietor of the store, reported the robbery to the police when he went to the store at 8 o'clock.

One feature that completely baffles the police is the removal by the robbers of the loot. If it were placed in a small wagon, it would have made a considerable load, they said.

SWEDEN BROUGHT TO WAR'S BRINK BY ENVOY'S INTRIGUE

ARGENTINA CONSIDERS BREAKING RELATIONS

Swedish Charge Reported to Have Left Buenos Aires for Chile After Disclosure of Plot Violating Neutrality.

By UNITED PRESS.

Special Cable to The Sunday Times. BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 9.—Demand upon Berlin for the recall of Count Luxburg, German minister to Argentina, as a result of the disclosures through interception by the United States of messages he transmitted through the Swedish foreign office, was considered inevitable here today.

It is also considered possible that Sweden will be asked to recall her minister. Publication of the United Press dispatches carrying the official announcement of the messages transmitted by Luxburg, in which he referred to the acting foreign minister of Argentina as a "notorious ass," and advised ignoring Argentina's demands in the U-boat controversy created intense excitement here.

No official comment was available tonight, but the best authorities expressed the belief that demand for the recall of Luxburg was more likely than a break in relations with Germany.

In this connection, it was pointed out that Germany did not follow Luxburg's advice to sink Argentine ships without leaving a trace of them after their protest was made, and aside from the revelations today had given this government no satisfactory response to her demands.

Count Luxburg and the Swedish minister were both ostensibly "out," or were really away from the city today. At all events both legations were silent.

Many well-informed people here believe Luxburg has actually left the city, and furthermore, that he will not return. They believe he probably left for Chile this afternoon immediately word of the action of the American State Department was received.

The Argentine government has as yet issued no statement.

When the British government first became cognizant of Sweden's handling of German communications, the (Continued on Page 2, Column 2.)

PRISONER PICKS WRONG TIME FOR SUICIDE; FAILS

If William C. Hope, twenty-three years old, of 1115 Four-and-a-half street southwest, arrested on a drunk-and-disorderly charge, hadn't selected 6:50 o'clock in the evening to commit suicide by hanging in a first precinct police station cell, he probably would be lying on a slab in the morgue today, instead of in a cot at the Washington Asylum Hospital.

Hope made a rope of his shirt and other end around his neck and the other to the top of his cell door. Policeman Coxen was making a tour of the cells at that hour and discovered the attempt and cut Hope down.

ANGRY HUSBAND LURES AND SLAYS SOLDIER

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 9.—An alleged flirtation with another man's wife cost Private Walter Strom, of Company E, Fort Benning, Ind., his life. Lured by a decoy letter to the home of the woman, Strom was shot and killed by Earl Jackson, the husband.

PATRIOTIC UTTERANCES

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"It is vain, sir, to extenuate the matter. Gentlemen may cry peace, peace—but there is no peace. The war is actually begun. The next gale that springs from the north will bring to our ears the sound of roundshot and shot. Our brethren are already in the field! Why stand we here idle? What is it that gentlemen wish? What would they have? To life us up, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!"—Patrick Henry, March 23, 1775.

"Our country, with her intercourse with foreign nations may she always be in the right; but our country, right or wrong."—Stephen Decatur, toast, Norfolk, Va., April, 1816.



"Say, we're in this scrap and we gotta win! If we don't win, we're licked, and when a fellow's licked once, he can be licked again. We can't afford as a nation to get in the habit of taking a licking!"—Private Sammy Jones, August, 1917.

The language changes, but the patriotism is of the same brand. The soldier of today will take no licking, to use HIS own phrase.

PETAIN HITS HARD AT CROWN PRINCE; CAPTURES FOREST

By UNITED PRESS.

Special Cable to The Sunday Times. LONDON, Sept. 9.—General Petain's French troops struck a sudden and overwhelming blow out of Verdun late yesterday, capturing all of Chaume wood and driving the Crown Prince's troops still further from the fortress city.

The Berlin official statement last night admitted gains in this section, but insisted the fighting was still progressing.

French Statement. The Paris statement declared simply: "We captured the entire Chaume wood."

"On the right bank of the Meuse," the French official statement said, "we attacked on a front of two kilometers (about a mile and a quarter) in the Fosses and Carrières sector, proceeding despite desperate resistance."

Field Marshal Haig's night report indicated a marked slackening of the German artillery fire reported during the past few days.

"Around Harcourt the enemy's artillery was more active," he declared. "Elsewhere hostile artillery fire was less marked. The infantry was not in action."

The Berlin official statement last night declared a French attack north-west of Hesnoy had failed.

SECRETARY LANE HAS AERO RIDE WITH SON

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Sept. 9.—Franklin K. Lane, Jr., a student at the aviation school here, today declared that his father is just as much at home in the air as he is at his desk or in his automobile.

Secretary Lane and his son made a thrilling flight at the Langley aviation field before hundreds of spectators yesterday.

Mrs. Samuel Coffin, nearly seventy years old and the mother of Howard Coffin, the engineer, also made a flight accompanied by Mrs. Howard Coffin and an Italian aviator.

Mrs. Coffin, sr., was perfectly at ease in the air, and said that she had been more afraid in automobiles.

RUSSIANS REPEL GERMAN SQUADRON

Hindenburg's Drive Toward Petrograd Halted by Defeat of Naval Force Which Advanced in Gulf of Riga.

By UNITED PRESS.

Special Cable to The Sunday Times. LONDON, Sept. 9.—Official dispatches from Petrograd announce the defeat of a German naval force which advanced in the Gulf of Riga, presumably to co-operate with the land forces which had captured the city of Riga. The German squadron was discovered by Russian torpedo-boats, and these, with the coast batteries, compelled it to retire.

As a result of this repulse Hindenburg's drive toward Petrograd has been halted.

Sea Attack Imminent. A telegram from Stockholm states that there are two squadrons of German submarines, torpedo boats, and light cruisers now in the southern Baltic.

A great attack on the Russian coast towns and the right flank of the Russian armies from the open sea is regarded as imminent.

The Russians are making a stand against the pursuing Germans who drove them out of Riga, and are rapidly digging in on a line to the west of Venden, midway on the railroad from Riga to Pskov.

The official Berlin statement announced that the Russians have extended their retirement and have fallen back on the twelve-mile front from Friedland to the west of Kokenhausen. The number of guns captured by the Germans in the Riga sector reaches 316.

The official Russian report says: "On the remainder of the front there was no material change."

"Rumanian and Caucasian fronts: There were fusillades and reconnaissance attacks."

Planes Attack Ships. "In the Gulf of Riga five enemy machines attacked our torpedo-boat patrols without success. In an aerial battle near Arensburg our naval aviators brought down an enemy battle-ship. The machine was destroyed by fire."

"Our torpedo-boat patrols in the Gulf of Riga discovered an enemy submarine and enemy ships, apparently trawlers, also were observed in Orbenak sound, but, shelled by our coastal batteries, were forced to retire. We suffered neither loss nor damage."

"Our aviators dropped bombs on the small town of Telekhany, on the Oginski Canal, where the staff of a German regiment was stationed. Successful hits were observed."

The encouraging feature of the Riga situation is the seeming firmness which has seized the Russian army. The German pursuit appears to be slowing up, and in military circles it is not anticipated that the enemy will risk much further penetration while Dvinsk remains unconquered. A more likely course, it is argued, will be for the Germans to intrinch somewhere near their present position northeast of Riga and await the result of the Dvinsk operations.

Dvinsk Army Recovers Spirit. According to information here the spirit of the troops in the Dvinsk sector is much more favorable than on other fronts. Colonel Podjursky, a member of the Dvinsk army committee, telegraphing to Colonel Kuropatkin, chairman of the special council army committee here, said that there was no intention to surrender Dvinsk and that the army committee were in full accord with the commander.

The official "Army and Navy of Free Russia" declares that the Riga

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